





## INTIMATIONS



NOTICE.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that in accordance with REGULATIONS, published under Government Notice No. 314 of 22nd November 1917, commencing from 1st January next, all PRIVATE RICKSHAS have to be LICENSED at an Annual License Fee of \$10, payable in advance.

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C. McI. MESSEY,  
Captain Superintendent of Police.  
Hongkong, Dec. 17, 1917. 2390

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J. H. TAGGART,  
Manager.

Hongkong, Dec. 19, 1917. 2404

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

## NOTIFICATION.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that on the 8th January proximo, at 3 p.m., at the Public Works Department, and before a Committee presided by the Director of the Public Works, TENDERS will be received for the SUPPLY AND LAYING OF PIPES for Canalisation of Salt Water (Extension).

The conditions of the tendering, the specifications and the plans of the canalisation are open to the public at the Public Works Department and in the Portuguese Consulate in Hongkong, where they can be examined all week days.

Macao, Public Works Department, 18th December, 1917.

RAUL M. DE FARIA e MARIA,  
Engineer Director.

Hongkong, Dec. 21, 1917. 2413

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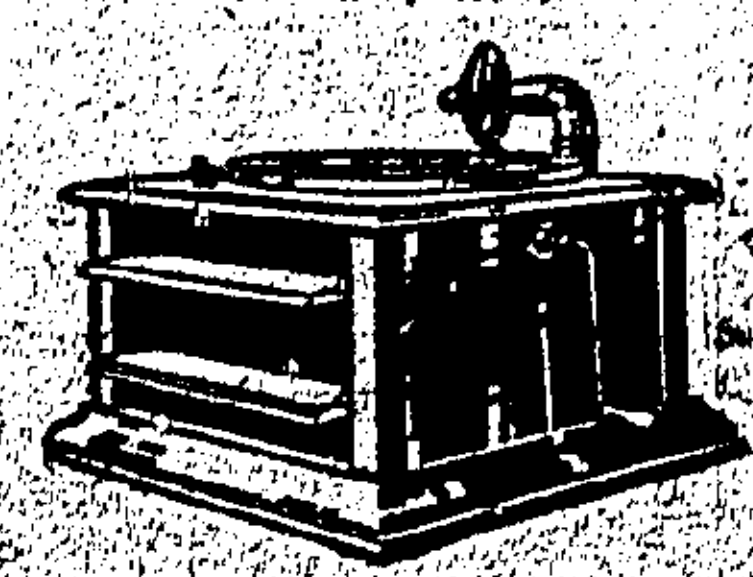
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## LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

London, October 25.

## LABOUR AMBITIONS.

It has been clear, ever since Mr. Arthur Henderson broke with the Cabinet, that the Labour Party had ambitions to dominate the political situation after the war. There is no gainsaying that the outstanding effect of the war has been to give democracy a fuller notion of its potential powers, and to make all monarchs feel uneasy on their thrones. We have had the Tsar and King Tino dismissed, and the King of Spain is none too secure in his place. So the Labour politicians think they see their chance. They expect that the soldiers will come back with new ideas of social necessities and the women will be discontented with conditions as they were before the war opened up new opportunities to them. As women are to vote under the new franchise reform law there will be this double field of new recruits for the Labour forces. So, now it is proposed to organise the Labour Party on a dual basis—first, as national trade union societies, for the regulation of industrial matters; and secondly, in the constituencies, for the domination of politics. Mr. Arthur Henderson is said to have ambitions to be the new Labour Premier, and there are many people of cool heads and little sympathy with the movement who are ready to concede that the scheme may succeed. In the constituencies all the men and women who are in favour of the Labour programme will be eligible for enrolment. They declare the aim is to organise all the producers of the country, whether by hand or brain, regardless of class or occupation.

To what extent the Ramsay MacDonald element will have influence in the new order of things cannot be foreseen, but I think myself they will be restrained, and there need not be any grave misgivings about the developments if such men as George Barnes and John Hodge have a guiding voice in the policies. There can be no doubt that actual responsibility in office calms down the wildest independent character.

The new National Party that was to sweep away the established parties, has not made a good start, though it was backed by General Esau Gifford, Lord Curzon's Secretary.

and others of equal prominence. In East Islington their candidate, a good fighter too, Mr. E. B. Burnard, only got 513 votes, with the Coalition candidate, Mr. Smallwood, away over 2,000, and Pemberton Billing's tame candidate, Mr. Baker, about 1,500 behind. The cry of the electors was for "Pepisals," but that did not lead them to clasp the Billing type of politician to their bosoms, in spite of that worthy's megaphonic screeching for aerial activity. Taking into account the fact that Islington has suffered as much as any part from air raids, the election shows that people are not to be rushed out of their accustomed method of regarding politics; and the new "nationals" and "vigilantes" have yet to show their worth before they can gain the confidence of the majority.

## SHIPPING DIFFICULTIES.

A well-informed correspondent writes:—"Apart from the strikes in Australian waters that are interfering seriously with the movement of ships, the shortage of ocean carriers is being acutely felt, and I understand that enormous quantities of wheat and wool are now stored in the Commonwealth. There is much bitter complaint about the use to which the vessels bought by Mr. Hughes during his visit to London last year are being put. It was understood—and it was, indeed, a condition of both their purchase and their transfer to another registry—that they would be kept running between the Commonwealth and Allied Ports in Europe, but it is known that most of them are employed in the Indian and American trades at freights above Blue Boat rates. In South Africa, too, there is trouble over the shipment of goods overseas, and even if negotiations are concluded between the Imperial authorities and the farmers for the purchase of the 1917-18 wool clip, it is believed that much of it will have to be kept at Union ports. In view, however, of the increasing military demands, the Army Council, I learn, is anxious to accumulate a large reserve of wool in the United Kingdom as soon as possible to meet all contingencies, and although stocks in hand are sufficient for present purposes, it is likely that a great effort will be made to provide the necessary transport facilities."

In regard to the wool demand, I may add that civilian requirements are likely to be still further restricted, for England is to make the cloth and the uniforms for the American Army.

## PEACE MOVES.

The declaration of Sir Edward Carson and other responsible members of our Cabinet this week that the struggle until victory is essential, and that no negotiations for peace are to be entered into until Germany's unconditional surrender is secured, has been a very important move.

efforts to get peace on terms favourable to herself, while Austria and Turkey are sick of the war. It is believed here that Germany's aim is a peace on the basis of the abandonment of all territories occupied in the West, provided some scope is granted to our foe to expand in the Near East. It is a clever move, for since the collapse of Russia, the Powers, apart from England, are not much interested in the regions east of Montenegro and the Hun is calculating on war-weariness. But there is at present great cordiality between the Allies, so the intriguing Hun will be disappointed. "No peace with the Hohenzollerns" continues to be the watchword. I do not personally believe the war will go through next summer, and I am disposed to agree with Mr. Winston Churchill, that the sword will swing back to its scabbard as suddenly as it was drawn. I know of men in public life who are betting on peace within a few months, but I think the bad weather is against that, for it is hindering the Anglo-French forces from advancing as rapidly as they otherwise would. "What it is like at the Front is shown in this fragment from a letter just received in England, "Noise we have grown used to; mud we thought we had wallowed in; but the mire now baffles belief. It is a far more formidable enemy than the foe, and one of the problems it presents is the difficulty of recovering our wounded. That men should be hit is a natural part of the war, but it is not expected that a wounded man should sink where he has fallen and have to be dug out of the mud, which sometimes is nearly up to his shoulders, before he can be brought in. My memory of the war will be guns and horribly insecure ground."

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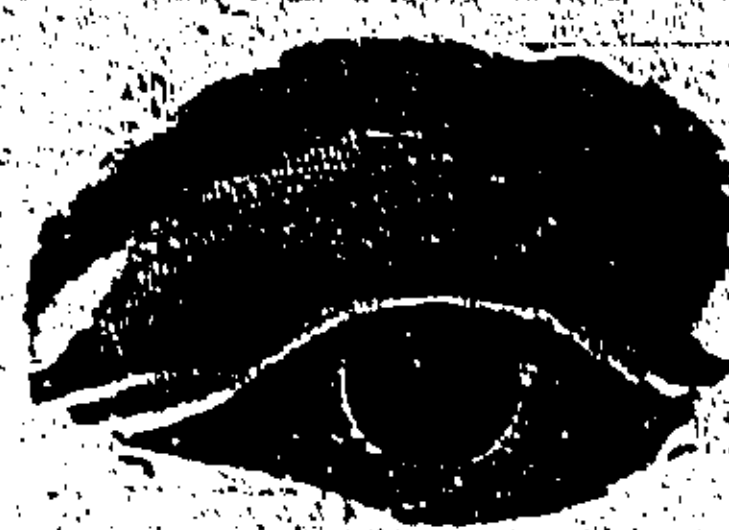
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(For examples of Investment in War Savings Certificates, see the other side.)

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### CATCHING GOLD.

#### WHY CATCH THEM?

One catches a cold, says Dr. J. H. Keellogg, in "Good Health," because for some reason the skin lacks resistance. Apply a cold-water compress to a person's head for several hours, and he will begin to complain that his forehead is sore and painful; he will have neuralgic pains in his forehead; the skin and the flesh become sore. This pain is called "rheumatism," for lack of a better term. It is simply a painful, sensitive condition due to the lowering of the blood-temperature which permits waste matters to accumulate in the tissues, causing the nerves to become abnormally sensitive. He goes on—

"Thus, in a general way we may say that the cause for taking an ordinary cold is lowering of the temperature of the blood, either locally or generally. If a person has been perspiring from exercise and sits down and lets the wind blow on him he soon begins to feel chilly. While he was exercising, his muscles were generating heat.

"For a muscle generates heat, just as a dynamo generates electricity. By its action, heat is generated, just as by the revolution of the armature of the dynamo electricity is generated—and, in fact, in a very similar way; not in the way a dynamo generates heat, but in the way in which a dynamo generates electricity.

"If a person perspires more than he is cooled, and perspiration is simply the effort of the body to cool itself off. Bathing the skin with water and allowing the water to evaporate also have the effect of cooling the skin.

"Now, when the perspiring individual ceases to exercise and sits down, the effect is that of putting out a fire or blowing out a light. The extra generation of heat ceases, so the evaporation goes on without any extra heat being produced, because the skin is wet and the clothing contains moisture and the evaporation causes a chilling of the body.

"It takes but a few minutes to produce this result; then in order to warm the body up, the muscles are set into spasmodic contraction. There are shivering and sneezing, which are signs of a kind of general spasm.

"When one sneezes, he does not sneeze with his nose, but through it. It is the entire body that is exercising. Every muscle contracts. The feet are lifted up from the floor. There is a jump of the whole body. It would be quite impossible to hold anything steady in your hand when you sneeze; but the motion is particularly of the expiratory muscles. There is a sudden contraction of these muscles, with an explosive effort of nature to warm the body up.

"When you sneeze, you say, 'Oh! I am taking cold.' That is a mistake. You have taken cold. Your temperature has been lowered and you already have the cold, and the muscular spasm is the effort of nature to cure it.

"Now if you want to help Nature, the best way is to keep right on exercising. You feel a little shiver started here and there, and you feel chilly. Now set your muscles to work as hard as you can. That is the quickest way to stop the shivering.

"Certainly one can prevent oneself from taking cold. One sits in church and a draught blows on the back of one's neck. One says, 'I am going to get a cold. I shall have a stiff neck to-morrow.' You do not need to have a cold. Just make the muscles contract as hard as possible; keep them working so they will keep the skin warm, and you will not take the cold.

"And the best of it is that one does not have to take gymnastic exercises or walk in order to exercise. One can sit perfectly still and work so hard as to make oneself perspire freely—by making every muscle of the body tense. The hands can be kept straight at the sides, with the muscles perfectly rigid. Make every muscle of the body rigid and you will see pretty soon that you are breathing hard. Pretty soon you are taking deep breaths.

"You may say that it is hard to do that, but nevertheless one can sit quietly in church or other gathering and look the speaker in the face, and at the same moment work as hard as though one was running to catch a train, or one may sit at one's desk and dictate important letters or papers and at the same time be doing hard physical work.

"Thus one does not need to take cold because one is sitting still; for one does not need to be idle and relaxed just because one is sitting still.

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## "PEACE STRATEGY" EXPLAINED.

### "PSYCHOLOGICAL PROCESS."

The German Press continues to provide really astonishing dissertations on the strategy of the "peace offensive," and upon the way in which the German Government, under Herr von Kuehlmann's leadership, proposes to reach its ends by fooling the enemy with peace talk.

The "Frankfurter Zeitung" published recently an elaborate examination of the "purely psychological process" by which Germany's enemies are to be brought "to see that violence will not succeed and that negotiations must take place." In "this latest stage of the war, in which it is an early peace that is first of all being fought for," Germany must obviously combine "the methods of policy and diplomacy" with "the highest conceivable demands upon military weapons and military leadership." The "Frankfurter Zeitung" claims that Germany is now united "in the right path," and that there is now "a German line," which is defined as "deliberate work in the spirit of a policy which aims at preparing psychologically the peace of agreement, at winning recruits for it, and at taking the ground from under the feet of the war agitators in Entente countries."

"BLUFF."

The "Frankfurter Zeitung" then discusses at length upon "bluff." It says that "political bluff" without a decisive military victory is quite senseless, and in the long run positively injurious. The writer adds with charming candour that, if the German had this "decisive victory," they would gladly "do without the war-aid of policy."

He proceeds:—  
"The precise object of our political method is to make the 'bluffing' of our enemies with Ministerial speeches and senseless break-through battles impossible through the fact that we open wide the doors to peace—so wide that one day, in spite of all agitation, the majority of the Entente peoples will be disposed to march through the open door with us, with or without their present leaders. A reasonable peace offer, which is accompanied by great military blows, and which cannot therefore seriously be misinterpreted—such a peace offer, and such a peace policy, has an enormous attractive strength, a magnetic energy which in the long run no people can resist, if at the same time the hope of final victory through physical force is terribly destroyed."

This is the position in which the Entente stands to-day. It is true that we have not thrown them to the ground, but their own high-flying plans are as far from realization as ever. The peoples are beginning to doubt. The psychological process has begun. This is where our peace policy intervenes. The offer of a peace tolerable also to our enemies gnaws at their hearts, multiplies their doubts, and paves the way to understanding. They are faced with the decision, and their own troubles and their own failures gradually force our enemies into the path of peace."

THROUGH "PEACE" TO GERMAN VICTORY.

In an eloquent passage the "Frankfurter Zeitung" explains that the "psychological process is not in the least dangerous for Germany; it will lead to negotiations, and then Germany will reap the fruits of her military successes. The writer says:—  
"Nobody among us doubts the fact that in our general situation the military advantages far outweigh the political disadvantages. The fear in the Entente States of the conclusion of peace affords the best proof. Our military and political leaders, the directors of the Empire, with the Kaiser at their head, would not have joined together in the peace policy of the Central Powers if they did not know that our vital necessities were absolutely secured in this peace policy. Have no fear! The readiness for peace is of itself no sign of a weak position. The decisive factors which determine the nature of the peace lie in the actual situation, in our hands, in our reserves, and in the increasing pressure of our submarines. In spite of many entries on the wrong side of the account, the situation is favourable for us, and that will be proved in the days of negotiation."

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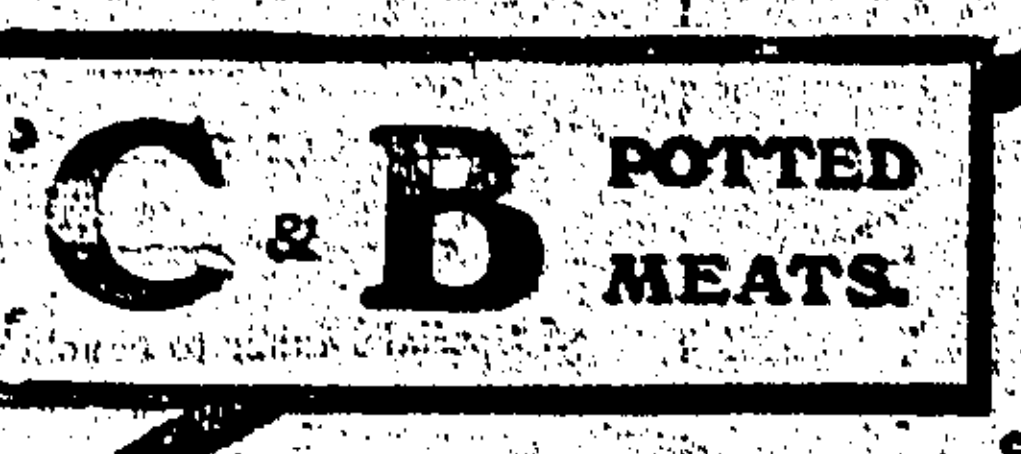
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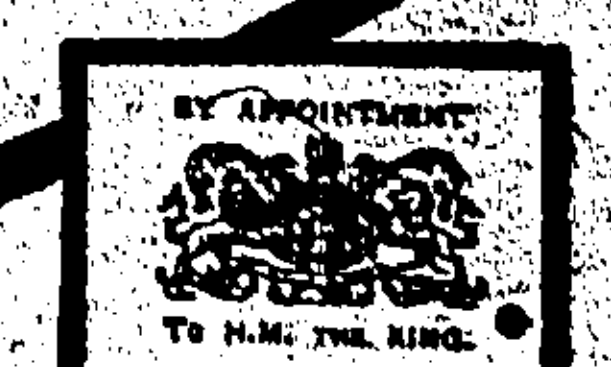
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#### CHARITY MATCHES.

2.30 p.m.  
SERVICES & CIVILIANS.  
Admission to Stand 50 Cts.  
Front Seats 20 Cts.

4.00 p.m.  
ENGLAND & SCOTLAND.  
Admission to Stand \$1.00.  
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Proceeds will be given to the Halifax and Star and Garter Funds. [2410]

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#### BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 1 of 1917, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of Foreign Business on MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 24th, 25th and 26th instant.  
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### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

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By Order,

A. R. LOWE,  
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Hongkong, Dec. 22, 1917. 2416

MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION  
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## SPECIAL DINNER

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### A DANCE

## KING EDWARD HOTEL

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DINNER 7.30 P.M. to 8.30 P.M.

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\$2.50 Each: 20% to go to War Funds.

Intending Visitors should kindly  
reserve tables before Noon,  
Monday, 24th inst.

J. WITCHELL,  
Manager.

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### THE CALENDAR.

#### MEMOS FOR MONDAY.

General Holiday.  
The Spectacular Film *Damon and Pythias* at the Victoria Theatre.  
Matinee.

#### GENERAL MEMORANDA

TUESDAY, Dec. 25.—  
Christmas Day: General Holiday.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 26.—  
Boxing Day: General Holiday.  
2.30 and 4 p.m.—Football, Charity  
Matches.

FRIDAY, Dec. 28.—  
President Woodrow Wilson's birthday  
(1856).

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Teakwood and  
Blackwood Furniture, &c., at Messrs  
Hughes & Hough's.

3.30 p.m.—Final in Ladies' Tennis  
Singles Championship, L.R.O.  
ground.

4.45 p.m.—Total Eclipse of the Moon.  
5.55 p.m.—Full Moon.

MONDAY, Dec. 31.—  
Boxing Day.

6 p.m.—Sale of Rare British Colonial  
Stamps at Messrs. Hughes and  
Hough's.

### "OVERLAND CHINA MAIL"

THE WEEKLY EDITION OF THE  
"CHINA MAIL."

CONTAINS ALL THE NEWS  
OF THE WEEK.

PRICE 30 CENTS (CASH) PER COPY.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL

A Special Dinner to be followed by  
a Dance at the King Edward Hotel is  
advertised for Christmas Eve.

Three cases of enteric fever were  
reported in the Colony last week—one  
British, one Chinese and one Japanese.  
Three fatal cases of diphtheria were  
also reported, all Chinese.

A Chinese boy, aged 5 years, was  
knocked down yesterday by motor car  
No. 25, near Yee Woo Street, Wanchai,  
and injured about the head. The child  
died on the way to the Hospital.

The failure of the Electric Light last  
night was due to a fire on the switch-  
board, and the supply of electricity will  
be shut off to-morrow morning for  
several hours to enable repairs to be  
effected.

Mr. J. M. Place da Silva, formerly  
the Paines Judge's clerk, who has retired  
was the recipient of a set of Silver Vases  
presented by the members of the  
Supreme Court staff and a few friends,  
this afternoon.

The population of Kobe on October  
31st was 554,839—males 284,284 and  
females 270,555. As compared with  
the number at the corresponding period  
of last year, an increase of 24,974 is  
shown. The number of houses on Oct.  
31st was 126,535, or 4,534 more than a  
year ago.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice  
Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs  
to acknowledge with thanks the follow-  
ing donations to the funds of the  
Hospitals—

Tang Chan Shi, ..... 25.  
Mr. Ho Ngok Lee, ..... 25.  
Tong Yee Chuen, ..... 25.  
Ho Fut Ting, ..... 25.  
Pun Un Nam, ..... 10.

In order to help in the promotion  
of trade with India, the Osaka Shosen  
Kaisha has formulated a plan to inaugu-  
rate a regular steamship line between  
Japan and India via Java, Borneo and  
Sumatra. The Government which sees  
the necessity of such a line being main-  
tained, is expected to approve the plan,  
and it is believed that the service will  
be inaugurated in the near future.

Fantam business is bad at Macao  
apparently, for we hear that "no syndi-  
cates have come forward with offers for  
the monopoly." The last contract  
brought in \$603,000 per annum for the  
Macao Government. But the  
Government is doubtless finding con-  
solation in the fact that what they lose  
on the Fantam monopoly they have  
handisomely made up on the recent  
contract for the Opium Farm.

### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

His Excellency the Governor has been  
pleased to appoint Mr. E. V. D. Parr  
to be a Member of the Recreation  
Grounds Committee, as representative  
of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, vice  
Mr. E. O. Hutchison.

His Excellency the Governor has been  
pleased to appoint Mr. W. O. Lambert  
to act as Second Assistant Government  
Marine Surveyor until further notice,  
vice Mr. Robert Hall resigned, with  
effect from the 1st of November, 1917.

### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

#### POST OFFICE ARRANGEMENTS.

The Post Office will be open on  
Monday 24th Tuesday 25th and Wednes-  
day 26th inst. Monday 31st and Tues-  
day 1st January from 8 to 9 a.m.  
There will be one collection and one  
delivery of ordinary correspondence  
each day as on Sunday. There will be  
a delivery of Registered correspondence  
at 9 a.m. on the 24th and 26th Decem-  
ber and 1st January. The Money Order  
Office will be entirely closed during the  
holidays.

### "OUR LITTLE BIT" SOCIETY

The above Society has today sent  
to Messrs. Shaw, Son & Co. two sets  
of War Comforts, contents as below:  
To be forwarded to The Hong Kong  
Infantry, Red Cross Depot, No. 28, Shed,  
Alexandra Dock, Bombay. 2500 roller  
blankets, 700 flannel vests, 1000 white  
woollen caps, 11 woollen shawls  
each, 80 pairs of socks, 100 pairs  
of gloves, 100 pairs of mittens, 100  
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## MR. LLOYD GEORGE ON THE SITUATION.

A SPEECH IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

London, Dec. 20.

In the House of Commons, on the motion for adjournment, Mr. Lloyd George, reviewing the war situation, dealt first with the food question. He said that two circumstances recently had contributed to the gravity of the position; namely, the failure to get margarine and butter from Denmark and from Holland, and that the Allied Food shortage was greater than was anticipated; hence, we had considerably to sacrifice our own resources in order to supply the Allies. He was sure that when Britons realised that any deprivation was due to sharing with their brave Allies, they would bear it with greater heart and spirit. He was glad to say that owing to the efforts of the Food Controller, circumstances which had occasioned much anxiety, the last few days, had already visibly improved. The food queues were largely due to the shortage of margarine, butter and cheese. The tea position was steadily improving and it was hoped by increasing home manufacture, the margarine position would also soon improve. The Premier emphasised that unless there was a more fair distribution of food stuffs the Government would take over the distribution.

## SHIPBUILDING AND THE DESTRUCTION OF SUBMARINES.

Referring to shipping, Mr. Lloyd George said that the margin of loss at sea was narrowed and the losses were decreasing, building was increasing, and the sinking of submarines was increasing. The shipbuilding losses had been lighter by hundreds of thousands of tons than he had estimated for August; very largely owing to the improvement in the Navy's methods of keeping the submarine under control. The aggregate British shipbuilding for 1917 had exceeded the record year of 1913. (Cheers.) The fact that the destruction of German submarines had steadily increased in 1917 was remarkable and encouraging because it showed that the Admiralty and the Shipping Controller were really grappling with the most menacing situation with which we had been confronted in the war.

## THE MILITARY SITUATION.

Dealing with the military situation, Mr. Lloyd George admitted that the hopes formed at the beginning of the year had not been realised. This was entirely attributable to the Russian collapse. He emphasised that despite the Russian inactivity, the Germans had not quite held their own in the West. On the contrary, they had been beaten in many battles and had had only one conspicuous success which was attributable to a surprise which was now the subject of an enquiry.

The Germans had lost 100,000 prisoners, very valuable ground and hundreds of guns, despite the fact that no dangerous enemy menace them on the Eastern Front. There was no doubt that if the Russians had fulfilled expectations and had carried out their allotted part, the pride of Prussian military power would have been completely humbled. The successes we had gained in 1917 would permanently affect the future of the world. The capture of Bagdad and Jerusalem had added more to the prestige of Great Britain, throughout the world, than almost any other event of the war. The capture of Jerusalem had most profoundly impressed the whole of the civilised world. A good deal had been said about "side shows," but the British Empire owed a good deal to "side shows." In recording the events of 1917, history would place first the Russian Revolution, then the entry of America into world politics, and then the conquest of Mesopotamia and Palestine and the capture of the Holy Land.

## THE INTER-ALLIED COUNCIL.

The Premier said the International Allied Council would deal with financial, economic, shipping, food and other vital questions and its decisions would affect all nations. This would have a greater effect on international relations than could be imagined. So far, the Council had been a conspicuous success; it had been free from friction and had helped to remove friction. Various countries had found it a means for discussing and interchanging views and for helping to reach decisions, and they were using it freely. When the great machinery of this Council, which had already started, and to which Great Britain, France, the United States and Italy had given their best men, was developed, it would have a great influence in directing the economic policy of the four Governments represented.

## THE FORMER GERMAN COLONIES.

Regarding the German Colonies, Mr. Lloyd George said that this question must be settled by an International Peace Congress. The future trustees of these Colonies must consider the sentiments of the people themselves; whether they are anxious to secure the return of their former masters or to entrust themselves to others. The wishes, desires and interests of the peoples of these countries must be the dominant factor in settling their future Government.

## SITUATION MORE MENACING.

The situation had become far more menacing owing to two events, during the last few weeks. Firstly, the unexpected defeat of Italy and the despatch of British and French assistance there at a very critical moment; undoubtedly done with a celerity which greatly surprised the enemy. The British and French support was both material and moral. It had encouraged and fired the Italians, and troops that a few weeks ago were completely dispersed over Italy, were returning to the ranks. The British and French troops, therefore, could claim a very large share in restoring the position on the Italian Front. (Cheers.) Nevertheless, the Italian defeat made the military position more anxious for the British and French war directions, and it meant a greater drain on the man-power of Great Britain and France.

## THE RUSSIAN ARMISTICE.

The second fact responsible for the worsening of the position was the Russian armistice. True, the armistice provided for the non-movement of troops to the West, but "we have heard of scraps of paper" before, and the country that relies for its security on Germany keeping her promises, either in the spirit or the letter, has not profited by experience. (Cheers.) These two factors have compelled us to make greater sacrifices in order to strengthen the armies in the field in the coming year.

## THE STRAIN ON MAN-POWER.

The pledges given to Labour in 1916 in connection with recruiting were necessary and desirable in the interests of the country, but circumstances over which they had no control necessitated either the alteration or cancellation of those pledges. The Government must call up many men at present protected by the conditions of their employment. Before asking for legislation enabling this course, the Minister of National Service would, next week, lay the whole position before the leaders of the Trade Unions. Another circumstance impelling the Government to make a further strain on the man-power was that they were at present forced to send back to the fighting line men who had been repeatedly wounded. It was unfair and intolerable that such men should be sent back while there were men in the country who had never been to the front. (Cheers.) Undoubtedly, the next few months would be the most trying of the war because one great Power had practically gone out and another great Power was not fully in; therefore, our burden would be considerable. The enemy, however, also had difficulties. For example, owing to the British blockade, the German workers had deteriorated physically, hence the output of Germany per man had decreased by 50 per cent. The German armament industry was in a state of collapse.

with the first year of the war. France's losses were undoubtedly very severe. Italy's losses, despite the reverses, were not comparable with the losses of Austria. Despite our great casualties, the permanent losses of the British Army were not more than one-fourth or one-fifth of the permanent losses of the Germans. The reserve man-power of the nations actively allied against Germany was twice as great as that of the Central Powers and their Allies.

## WAR AIMS.

Referring to yesterday's war aims debate, the Premier remarked that since Russia had entered into separate negotiations, she must be responsible for the protection of her own territory, and that also disposed of any understanding regarding Constantinople.

Mr. Lloyd George reiterated that we had not entered the war in order to annex a single yard of territory. (Cheers.) We had entered the war because we believed that the honour of Great Britain was involved, in standing by her word. (Cheers.) The war was the result of the reckless arrogance of the military caste of Prussia who were determined to force their power on the world. They had planned the war for years; they were once even prepared to overthrow their own ruler in order to set up another ruler who was more in sympathy with their aims. They had repeatedly tried to force war on Russia who was compelled to purchase peace at the price of humiliation. They had tried to force war on France who also had to purchase peace at a price that we would not have endured. The character of the Prussian military caste was exemplified by the Zaben incident. A soldier, if he had a sword, had the right under the German military law to run a civilian through. Let the House translate that into terms of "international relations." (Cheers.) Other nations had been civilised nations before the war and they said: "You have no business in Belgium. Go out." The reply was: "By German military law we have the right to run you through for daring to interfere." That was the temper that made war and until it was broken there would never be peace in the world, and that is why we said that victory was an essential condition of peace. It was not because it satisfied some low, vindictive sense in human nature merely to punish, but because we realised that victory was the only thing that would give reality to peace terms. A League of Nations in which Germany was represented by that military caste, triumphant, would be a hollow farce. (Cheers.) The people of Germany must be in the League of Nations. That was why victory itself was more important than mere terms. It was because victory alone would give reality to peace terms that the Government would ask the Trade Unions and the House of Commons for greater powers to enable them to increase the necessary means. (Loud cheers.)

Mr. Lloyd George emphasised that what will happen to Mesopotamia and Armenia must be left to the Peace Conference, but one thing which would never happen would be their restoration to the Turks. The German Press is adopting the inspired attitude that the honours of war will regard to the East African campaign rest with the Germans. The Cologne Gazette says: "There is little reason for rejoicing in London and elsewhere. General Lettow von Vorbeck is not yet vanquished and we hope that he will still hold out for a long time. If, after his immortal deeds he should be compelled to lower his flag and our last Colony should thus be really lost, our enemies must know that the pledges which we hold in Europe will thereby be made only doubly precious. With these pledges we shall win back the tropical soil we need and intend to have for our future economic life."

## SPEECH BY MR. ASQUITH.

Mr. Asquith, following Mr. Lloyd George, emphasised that shipping and finance were the two most formidable problems a year ago. Now they were much more formidable. He hoped that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in his next Budget, would make further taxation demands. There was a feeling, which he believed was wholly unwarranted, of insecurity regarding loans. He regarded the State's obligation in this matter as sacred. With regard to shipping, it was far the most vital need of the country, before the needs of the army and munitions. He urged the Government to use every means to make it clear that we were fighting for security, liberty and justice in the world through a free consideration of equal States. The events in Russia showed the necessity for moral accompanying material campaign. A League of Nations was the sacred purpose of this country and the Empire and the very life of the world.

## THE ITALIAN FRONT.

### ITALIANS REPULSE AN ATTACK WITH SEVERE LOSSES.

London, Dec. 20. An Italian official message states: We drove back, with severe losses, an attack on the Front at Tassano. Col-della-Orso. Sailors repulsed an attack at Cortellazzo bridgehead.

### ITALIANS RECAPTURE GROUND.

London, Dec. 21. An Italian official message states: In the region of the Asolone Front, to the east of the Brenta, we recaptured a considerable portion of the ground lost on Tuesday.

We dispersed a strong counter-attack at Monte Pertica.

### GERMAN REPORTS.

London, Dec. 20. A German official message states: We repulsed repeated counter-attacks against the newly won lines at Monte Pertica.

Between the Brenta and the Piave we have taken prisoner 270 officers and 8,150 men, since December 11.

LATER. A further German official report says: The Italians seven times attacked the heights we won westward of Monte Asolone, and three times attacked Monte Pertica. They also attacked Monte Solarolo. All failed.

### TWO ENEMY SUBMARINES DESTROYED.

### AN ENCOUNTER NEAR GREECE.

ATHENS, Dec. 21. French destroyers have accounted for two enemy submarines between Tranto and Itea.

One was sunk with all hands. The crew abandoned the other and the captain, two officers and 16 men were made prisoners.

### THE SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN.

### ENEMY NOT SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS.

London, Dec. 21. Renter is authorised to state that although it is true that we are not destroying more U-boats than are being built, it is clear from recent attacks on convoys by surface ships, that the enemy is not satisfied with the results of the submarine campaign, recognising that it requires assistance.

### GERMAN PRESS ON THE EAST AFRICAN CAMPAIGN.

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### GERMAN ANXIETY AND GERMAN DREAMS.

London, Dec. 21. German anxiety regarding Germany's economic future is being constantly revealed. Lecturing at Bremen, Dr. Karstadt, one of the best-known speakers of the German Colonial Society, said: "When our millions of soldiers return from the War, they must be provided with bread and work. But how, if the raw material is lacking for example cotton? The problem is acute owing to the closure of the British Empire."

Dr. Karstadt declared that Turkey could not satisfy Germany's hunger for raw material. Germany must have a Central Africa stretching from the Atlantic to the Indian Ocean. Hence Germany must recover her colonies and enlarge them. She must also construct essential naval bases. Dr. Karstadt concluded by picturing German submarines operating from Dar-es-Salaam as far as Aden.

### THE AUSTRALIAN CONSORTION REVENUE.

MELBOURNE, Dec. 21. Partial return of the referendum gave a 52,000 majority against conscription. The total of 583,000 votes was a majority of 100,000 against conscription. The referendum was held on July 28, 1916, and the result was a narrow margin. The referendum was held on July 28, 1916, and the result was a narrow margin. The referendum was held on July 28, 1916, and the result was a narrow margin.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

### RUSSIA.

### PETROGRAD IN A STATE OF SIEGE.

London, Dec. 20. Renter's Correspondent at Petrograd, telegraphing yesterday, says that Petrograd is declared to be in a state of siege. All street meetings and gatherings are prohibited.

Attempts to pillage the wine stores, shops and private dwellings will be suppressed by machine guns without warning. Nobody is allowed out after nine o'clock in the evening without authorisation by House Committees.

### COUNT BERNSTORFF.

#### HIS WOMEN FRIENDS.

Now that the late lamented Count von Bernstorff is no longer with us, we seem to be more insistent upon his virtues than upon his vices. The good old rule of *de mortuis* does not apply to alive enemies whose death is only politics. We are discovering with a certain pained surprise that the late German Ambassador was in very truth the devil of a fellow, says "The Argonaut" of San Francisco.

Now there may be virtues in what we have learned to call the shirt-sleeve diplomacy. We are inclined to believe that there must be virtues in anything and everything if only it be blatant, self-assertive, and rude. Why not? We ourselves are blatant, self-assertive, and rude, and King Demos inhales greedily the incense smoke of imitation. He applauds nothing that is not like unto himself.

Count Bernstorff knew nothing of the shirt-sleeve diplomacy, except in so far as he had observed it with a contemptuous amusement. He preferred his own diplomacy, and no wonder, seeing that it was so successful. He hoodwinked Washington society to the top of his bent. He was always the suave and dexterous courtier, and he found nothing so easy as to beguile the women of the capital, who never before have known what it was to be treated with deference. Adulation they had, of course, received. Flatteries and compliments had been their daily food. But deference, that was quite another story. It was performed, as from an unknown social paradise. It was a new language, unfamiliar and intoxicating. Probably we shall never know the extent of the information communicated to the Count under the influence of such delicate mesmerism, but it was certainly great. Even Mrs. Wilson is said to have declared in the early days that von Bernstorff was the only man in Washington who knew how to treat a lady. And perhaps Mrs. Wilson was right, although she may not have known that exquisite manners were no more than a department of the Bernstorffian diplomacy.

The German ambassador knew how to treat women. That was largely the secret of his success. No one ever heard him pay an audible compliment. The tone of light badinage that we think to be the perfection of manners was abhorrent to him, as it is abhorrent also to nice women. Von Bernstorff never treated women as though they were delightfully inferior beings for whose benefit a man must step down from that lofty platform upon which he usually stands, or thinks he does. He knew better than to chance his demeanour because he happened to be talking with a woman. That is the sort of thing that we do. So do the Sultans of the Orient when they pay a visit to the harem. We have the same standard. It is the standard of such fine intellect.

Von Bernstorff never lost his gravity when he was conversing with a woman. He acted invariably towards her as though she were an important person who probably had something important to say that it was important that he should hear. He listened attentively and gravely, and his answers were invitations to her to say something more. He conveyed the impression of paying deep and grave heed to what he was hearing. In other words he behaved like a gentleman.

If von Bernstorff had been a shirt-sleeve diplomat, he would have acted very differently from this. He would have talked about himself incessantly, continuously, and aggressively. If the conversation had deviated momentarily from that enticing theme he would have looked absent-mindedly "out of the box," as he would have thrown a blank indifference to whatever was of concern to those with whom he was talking and a complete concentration of mind upon his own ego. And if he were talking with a woman, he would have looked at her as though he were looking at a piece of raw material. He would have looked at her as though he were looking at a piece of raw material. He would have looked at her as though he were looking at a piece of raw material.

### LOSS OF A JAPANESE STEAMER OFF COAST OF INDIA-CHINA.

"DAIMEI CHITOWA MARU" FOUNDERS: CREW SAVED.

The Kato Maru of Mitsui Bussan Kaisha Co. Ltd. received news to the effect that the Daimeichi Maru (1255 tons) was lost on Nov. 28th in the Bay of Bengal. The vessel was bound for Calcutta and was carrying a cargo of rice. The crew of 20 men were saved and are being cared for by the British authorities. The vessel was found by the British ship H.M.S. Thetis.

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## N.Y.K.'S LIBERALITY TO EMPLOYEES.

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In view of the constant danger of attack by German submarines, the Captains and Chief Engineers of the N.Y.K. European liners have notified the Company that unless the Company increases the allowances to be given to their families in case they are killed, they will not continue their services. As an outcome, the Board of Directors of the Company called meetings and eventually decided to comply with the request of the leading Captains and Chief Engineers. The Company has decided to give ¥30,000 to the families of captains and chief engineers; ¥30,000 to those of the 1st and 2nd officers and engineers; ¥10,000 to those of the 3rd mates and engineers, and pursers and between ¥2,000 and ¥4,000 to the families of members of the crew. Thanks to this improvement, the families of the captains and chief engineers will receive about ¥80,000 if various allowances and pensions are included. The new regulations are expected to be applied to the families of the officers and men of the *Huachi Maru*, which has not been heard of since her departure from Colombo. —Kobe Herald.

## ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

### HONGKONG AND CHINA DISTRICT.

U.S.A. DIVISION.  
Thursday, December 27th.  
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## HARBORING HIGHLAND LOCH.

The once drained water loch, now replenished with mountain water, Highland Loch. A scheme to drain the water of Loch Awe, Loch Lomond, and Loch Trossachs will be carried out by the Government. The scheme is to drain the lochs and use the water for power. The scheme is to drain the lochs and use the water for power. The scheme is to drain the lochs and use the water for power.











## HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Orders for Artillery Company by Captain J. H. W. Armstrong, V.D.

## PARADE.

THURSDAY, 27th instant—  
6.15 p.m. Left Half Company. Full Parade.  
FRIDAY, 28th instant—  
7.30 a.m. Right Half Company. Full Parade.  
THURSDAY, 3rd January 1918—  
6.15 p.m. Left Half Company. Full Parade.  
FRIDAY, 4th January 1918—  
7.30 a.m. Right Half Company. Full Parade.

Orders for Engineers Company by Captain W. Russell.

21st to 28th instant.  
E. L. Manning nightly at Belcher and Lyceum. Parades as per Rosters posted at Headquarters.

Engine drivers at 5.30 p.m.  
Electricians at 5.45 p.m.  
Officers meet for duty.  
Belcher, 2nd Lieut. Brown.  
Lyceum, 2nd Lieut. Hill.  
Stonecutters, Lieut. Hall.

Lieut. R. Hall, having returned to the Colony, has resumed duty at Stonecutters.

PARADES FOR INSTRUCTION.  
No changes will be held during the fortnight ending 31st January, 1918.

Orders for Cadet Company by 2nd Lieut. J. E. W. Beard.

PARADES.  
There will be no parades on Monday and Wednesday the 24th and 25th inst.

## CAMPS.

SATURDAY, 29th instant.  
Now, 1 and 2 sections will parade at Headquarters at 10 a.m.

Nos. 3 and 4 sections will parade at Kowloon Station at 10.30 a.m.

All legions to be brought well before the above-mentioned times so that arrangements can be made to convey it to the camp.

Camp beds may be brought by any boy if he likes.

Members are reminded that they render themselves liable to be struck off the strength should they absent themselves from Camp without first obtaining exemption from the Commanding Officer.

Leave will be granted only on a doctor's certificate or in very exceptional cases.

G. M. STEWART, Captain.

Adjutant, Hongkong Defence Corps, Hongkong, 20th, December, 1917.

SEMINANTS MEET.  
The quarterly meeting of the members of the Seminars' Meet will be held in the Mess Room at 6.45 p.m. on Wednesday, 2nd January, 1918.  
Every member not on duty to attend.

## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The Parcel Post Services to British East Africa and Egypt (except for members of the Expeditionary Forces) and to Abyssinia, Bagdad, Eritrea, French Somali Coast, Italian Somaliland, Portuguese East Africa, Zanzibar and Russia have been suspended.

## LOCAL AND REGULAR MAILS.

## OUTWARD.

For Week-Days SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS

Tai O ... 5.00 P.M. 9.30 A.M.

Tai Po ... 10.00 A.M. 9.30 A.M.

Chung Chow ... 7.30 A.M. 9.30 A.M.

Shantou ... 2.30 P.M. 9.30 A.M.

Shantou ... 4.00 P.M. 9.30 A.M.

Aberdeen, Amoy, Peking, Shan, Hainan, Canton, Swatow ... 4.30 P.M. 9.30 A.M.

Canton, Swatow, Regia, 5 P.M. and Wanchow ... 8 P.M.

Macao ... 7.15 A.M. 9.30 A.M.

Kowloon ... 6.00 P.M. 5.00 P.M.

Hankow and Shanghai ... 5.00 P.M. 5.00 P.M.

Shanghai ... 10.00 A.M. 9.30 A.M.

Shanghai ... 4.00 P.M.

## FROM SHEUNGWAN WESTERN BRANCH P.

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With 2 Bearers With 4 Bearers.

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Two hours, 0.90 1.00

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